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Letter dated 28 February 2008 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter of 31 January 2008 (S/2008/63) has been brought to the attention of members of the Security Council.

The Security Council takes note of the completion strategy for the United Nations Integrated Office in Sierra Leone (UNIOSIL) and welcomes the action taken by UNIOSIL to provide details of the proposed 20 per cent reduction in number of staff by 31 March 2008.

Council members would welcome further information in your April 2008 report on the planned drawdown of UNIOSIL between the local election scheduled for 5 July 2008 and its completion in September 2008, along with specific proposals on the mandate, structure and strength of the successor integrated political office. We would also be interested to know your plans for the United Nations police/military adviser team element.

The Security Council re-emphasizes the role of UNIOSIL in providing assistance to the local elections, national commissions and institutions for the promotion of good governance and human rights, while actively supporting the implementation of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework and the work of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Peacebuilding Fund to carry forward the peacebuilding process.

(*Signed*) Ricardo Alberto **Arias**
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